

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **1. Election/Restriction**

5           Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

          I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of producing a touch panel comprising forming a plurality of fluorescent patterns, classified in class 430, subclass 321.

10           II. Claims 10-16, drawn to a method of producing a touch panel comprising forming a plurality of magnetic patterns, classified in class 430, subclass 321.

          The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

15           Inventions I and II are directed to related processes. The related inventions are distinct if (1) the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect; (2) the inventions do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; and (3) the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants. See MPEP 806.05(j). In the instant case, the inventions as claimed have a materially different mode of operation, i.e. fluorescent patterns in the process of  
20   Group I, and magnetic patterns in the process of Group II. Furthermore, the inventions as claimed do not encompass overlapping subject matter and there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.

### **Response:**

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          Applicant hereby elects invention I in response to the above restriction requirement. The claims readable upon the elected invention I are claims 1–9. Claims 10-16 are

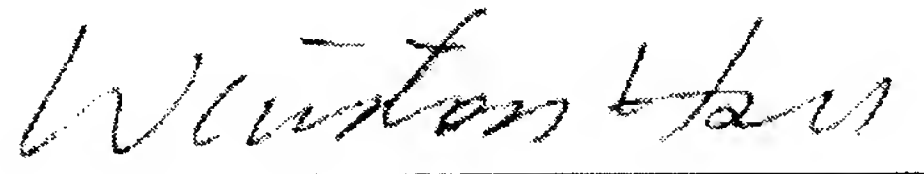
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withdrawn, and no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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